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Lochkovic et al. )  
Serial No.: 10/623,219 ) Art Unit: Unknown  
Filed: July 18, 2003 ) Examiner: Unknown  
Title: FIBER OPTIC ARTICLES, ASSEMBLIES, )  
AND CABLES HAVING OPTICAL )  
WAVEGUIDES )

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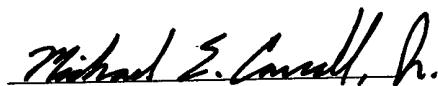
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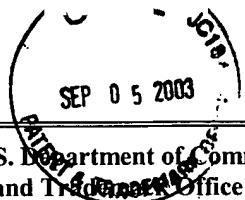
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